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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

THE GOVERNMENT INSISTS.

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"The Government insists that the Bill for adult suffrage be passed on Tuesday in the Legislative Council without amendment.

"The Government makes it clear that adult suffrage is not negotiable - it is a fundamental democratic right for every citizen and we will have no conditions attached to it.

"Since it is also A.L.P. policy to introduce one vote one value for all elections, a Bill has also been introduced to give effect to this. But we will not accept that the reactionary and anti-democratic group supporting Mr. DeGaris can attach conditions to that measure affecting adult suffrage.

"The Legislative Council is able to discuss the proportional representation Bill which is one vote one value. But whatever it does on that Bill cannot be allowed to affect adult suffrage. If the Council delays the adult suffrage Bill beyond Tuesday, or amends it, we are in a position to advise the Governor to act to bring the whole matter to the people".